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Welcome Ladies!

Hello! Greetings from the Women's Leadership Team! We have recently undergone some reorganizing. We now have seven specific teams all working together to minister to the women of Riverside and our surrounding community. The seven teams are: prayer, discipleship, mentoring, special events, encouragement, missions, and communications. One of the first things the communications team is excited to present is... this newsletter!!! If you are looking to get involved in women's ministries but aren't sure what is available, this is your LINK! For the next few months we will be highlighting each new team so that you gals can find out what is going on and get involved! If you just can't wait, feel free to contact the team leaders (listed on the back page). Also found in this newsletter will be information about past, current, and upcoming events, so you can find out what you're missing and get involved. In addition, it will be a place for you to meet other women in the church, be encouraged with The Word, be refreshed and maybe even laugh a little. We want

to emphasize that this is your newsletter, so if you have ideas or requests let us know by contacting a member of the Communications team. Our prayer is that you find yourself refreshed and informed. So sit back relax, grab a cup of coffee, just kidding, who has time for that! How about you read while you are waiting in the carpool lane to pick up your kids from school! Either way, enjoy!

What's up with the hands?

If your wondering what's the deal with our logo, here's the scoop. The picture was taken at our last Ladies Retreat, we all made bracelets. You might even recognize your own hand. We chose it because we want to emphasize that women need fellowship, they need to be involved in one another's lives for spiritual growth. We need to be linked together, just like the links in a bracelet. When we all work together in ministry we are stronger and more beautiful as the hands and feet of Jesus!

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RIVERSIDE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Christmas Brunch

The Christmas Brunch was a great success! The total turnout was exciting (we had over 20 women), considering the weather and those with prior commitments during this super busy season. It began with some fabulous food (always a plus with us women) which we enjoyed as we fellowshiped with one another. Food and gabbing, what could be better?! Lisa Harker gave a poignant message about the intimate relationship between Mary and Elizabeth, giving us a fresh look at our role as women during the Christmas Season. Erin Rush, on guitar, led us in Christmas Carols. The morning ended with a music video reminding us that Christmas is ultimately about the cross. Thanks to Dar Muehlhausen for opening up her beautiful home to us and providing us with such great hospitality. And praise God for the fantastic turn out. In fact, it seems that God and Dar make a great team; the morning was almost surreal.



Lisa Harker our guest speaker



The ladies in front of Dar's fireplace!

With the warm fireplace and the softly falling snow, it was right out of a Christmas card. Clear your calendars for next year, you don't want to miss this again!

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

Ephesians 4:3 (the Message)

Living Water

Upcoming Events

Several ladies are attending the Chonda Pierce event, February 22. Unfortunately, tickets were **sold out** before we had a chance to offer the event to everyone. Chonda, a stand up comedian, is branded "The Queen of Clean." Chonda says that comedy is just her opening act but if she can add a bit of life-changing information, then we have a night worth leaving home for!

Chonda had a childhood of challenges. She lost both of her sisters at a young age. One sister, was killed in a car accident at 20. Several months later her little sister became ill and died only 21 days after being diagnosed with leukemia at 15. Her father, an ultra conservative pastor, struggled with manic depression most of her life. The inconsistency of his life challenged her thinking about God at a young age. Chonda began as an impersonator of Minnie Pearl on the Grand Ole Opry. She stayed in comedy and became very bold about her faith.

Chonda's has 8 books, 2 of them focus on her journey to comedy: Second Row, Piano Side, and It's Always Darkest Before the Fun Comes Up. Visit her website

www.chonda.org and see her on YouTube www.youtube.com/user/chondapierce





Women's Bible Study

Only one full week into our 6-week Bible Study, *He Speaks to Me*, and it has already proved challenging. Author, Priscilla Shirer, begins the study by challenging us to worship God as unreservedly as children. She emphasizes the importance of obedience. Priscilla uses everyday examples and laughter to drive home life changing applications. If you are interested in joining there is still time. There is a Wednesday evening and Thursday morning study. For more information contact Rhonda Ausk.



Good times had by all in one Bible Study small group

Write these on your Calendars!

- Friday, February 22, 7 PM Chonda Pierce Tickets \$13
- Coming late April early May our Ladies Tea -look for details in later newsletters!
- Summer Book Club-book announcements coming this spring!
- Our 2nd Annual Women's Retreat-paired with Women of Faith Conference in Indy August 1-2. Details to follow.



Ministry Corner

This month: The Communications Team

The Communications Team of the Women's Ministry affords those tech-savvy ladies an opportunity to shine. We have begun to make our presence known with this very newsletter, which will also be available on the church website www.rcovenant.org. Other opportunities to serve on this team include: creating forms, sending emails, and printing materials for other ministry teams to get the

word out and foster some excitement for upcoming events. Ladies are not required to have computer knowledge in order participate in writing for publications or the newsletter, although those skills are helpful. If this sounds like a place for God to use your gifts and talents, contact Megan Mills or Stephanie Brennan to join the team.

Feel out of the loop?

Get emails about upcoming events, sign up for our email list, go to the women's ministry page of the church website, who knows what else you'll find there! www.rcovenant.org

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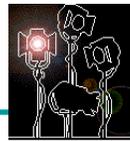
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Women in the Spotlight

Each week we will highlight different women in the church, giving you a chance to meet someone new, find a common bond and make a new friend. Who knows, maybe new best friend!

Nancy Umbeck

Member of RCC Leadership Team and Women's Ministry Special Events

Testimony: "I grew up attending church every Sunday and had a personnel relationship with Christ to the extent that I understood who He was. It wasn't until I experienced the love of a group of women, with a couple key women mentoring me that I came to a mature understanding of Christ. It is because of these women who ministered to me, that I feel so passionate about our Women's Ministry."

Advice to Christian Women: "Positioning yourself to be surrounded by other Christians who can mentor you or whom you might mentor is the best advice I can give a Christian woman. I pray that we as women continue to seek and grow in Godly wisdom, knowledge, and understanding."

Hobbies: "My hobbies have wisely changed over he years, from horseback riding, water skiing and hiking to more recently on my knees in the dirt. Gardening is one of my favorite things as well as cooking and spending time with family and friends."

Thoughts on Family: "One of my greatest blessings is my family. John (husband) and I enjoy having both of our grown children in town as well as their families including spouses, granddaughters, and a grand puppy. It's not unusual for us to go out for a Mother's Day Brunch and number 17, what fun! Wonder what others are thinking about our large group. God is so good!"

